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Government must give an explanation regarding the three fishermen missing at sea since 25 August
— Jawahirullah Ramanathapuram MLA

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MOTHER, SON DIE IN SUICIDE BID

Krishnagiri: A 35-year-old woman committed suicide after feeding poison to her children. The police said Nirmala, 35, was the wife of Madeshwaran, 40, a farmhand of Vinayakapuram, in Gururaparalli police limits of Krishnagiri district. The couple has a daughter, Lokeshwari, 9, and two sons, Dhanush, 7, and Poovarasani, 5. It is believed that Nirmala and her husband Madeshwaran frequently quarrelled over money matters. On Friday, when Madeshwaran was not at home, Nirmala gave poison to Lokeshwari, Dhanush and Poovarasani, and also consumed it herself. When Madeshwaran returned from work, he found all four of them frothing from the mouth. They were taken to a private hospital in Krishnagiri where Nirmala and her son Dhanush were declared brought dead. The condition of Lokeshwari and Poovarasani is said to be critical.

Batch includes 21 cadets from foreign countries 246 cadets pass out of OTA

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CHENNAI, SEPT. 13

A total of 246 cadets, 42 of them lady cadets, were on Saturday passed out of the Officer's Training Academy at St Thomas Mount after successfully completing their nearly 49-week rigorous training. The latest batch of cadets commissioned into the Army service has 204 gentlemen cadets including 21 cadets from foreign countries. Among them, 16 are from Afghanistan, four from Seychelles and one from Lesotho.

Reviewing the spectacular passing out parade was Lt Gen Philip Campose, Vice Chief of Army Staff, accompanied by Lt Gen S.S. Jog, commandant, OTA, and Maj Gen G. Murali, deputy commandant, OTA.

Delivering his congratulatory speech, Lt Gen Campose commended the new officers for their dedication and perseverance. He emphasised the need for officers to keep abreast of latest technology and modernisation process. He also distributed awards to meritorious cadets.

The sword of honour, the highest individual prize of OTA, was presented to academy cadet Adjutant Maninder Pal Singh and the gold medal for standing first in the order of merit was bestowed on the battalion under officer Preeti Mudela. After the parade, a traditional piping ceremony, wherein the stars of the cadets are revealed by their parents and close ones, and oath-taking ceremony was witnessed, finally leading to jubilant scenes of celebrations among the cadets.

So far, the academy has seen more than 26,000 cadets commissioned into the Indian Army.



A young man is thrown up in the air by his fellow cadets after the OTA passing out parade. —DC

Family also takes part in jubilant moment

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Yet another spectacular passing out parade and yet another batch of budding army officers took their first steps towards realizing their dream career of military service. With proud parents and relatives witnessing the moment from close quarters, numerous tales of sheer hardwork and emotion unraveled at the occasion. For Colonel Raman, the passing out of his son Arvind Subramaniam was always destined as he was brought up in family where military service is seen more of an individual fulfilling his/her duty. Colonel Raman's brother is also a military officer and interestingly even his daughter is all set to pass out of the OTA next year. Arvind who has a LLM degree from NALSAR said, "I studied in



Gentleman cadet Ramachandran embracing his mother after passing out from OTA on Saturday. —DC

various army schools around the country and in a way, it was naturally within me to enter military service."

Being the first person in the family to enter military might be daunting for some, but not for Ajitha, civil engineering graduate. Her parents Vijayakumar and Manimegalai couldn't be more proud of their daughter. "She has always been a straightforward and bold lady. She was focused and strove to pursue this," said Vijayakumar.

Another cadet Anuradha, also a civil engineer, had in the past tuned down placements at TCS and another MNC firm. "My parents have been very encouraging. My father speaks about women empowerment; this (joining the Army) is definitely the way to achieve it," she said. At the end though, it is undeniable that parents' possess mixed emotions. While on one hand, they can be jubilant of their wards becoming an officer in Indian Army, it comes with a prayer.

Simple maritime laws need of hour, says judge

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Justice R. Sudhakar of the Madras HC emphasised on amending maritime laws which were introduced during the British era.

While inaugurating a workshop on 'Admiralty Bill-2012 - Jurisdiction and Settlement of Maritime Claims', in Chennai on Saturday, Justice Sudhakar said though efforts were made to amend maritime laws, the government was unable to do so for decades.

He said, "This is an age of information, where information is received at a touch of computers/smart phones. The law should be made simple and precise without ambiguity." Today,

everyone wants to know the law. Hence, law should be framed in such a way that it is easily understood.

Senior advocate V. Aravamudan said following an order of the SC in MV Elizabeth and others vs Harwan Investment and Trading Private Ltd 1992, the Union government had proposed to introduce the Admiralty (Jurisdiction and Settlement of Maritime Claims) Bill 2012, a comprehensive legislation on admiralty law of the country, intended to cover all claims against a ship owner or ship.

Among others, experts K.G. Ramakrishnan, R. Venkat, J.P. Meneses and S. Sankaran addressed the gathering.

Tips on how to save mishap victims

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Celebrating World First Aid Day, Survival Instincts (SI) and various government agencies, including traffic police and naval commandos, took part in primary trauma care and accident simulation programme held at Express Avenue mall in the city on Saturday.

The volunteers of SI displayed various situations in case of accidents or medical emergencies and how a layperson could tackle it.

Anoop Madhavan, founder of SI, said, "Global status report on road safety last year estimates more than 2 lakh people are killed in road traffic crashes in



The volunteers of SI display various situations in case of accidents on Saturday at Express Avenue mall. —DC

India and almost half of them being vulnerable road-users like motorcyclists, pedestrians and cyclists."

"Poor emergency medical

response, unsafe road infrastructure and high-speed vehicles sharing space with other vulnerable sections contributes to the high fatality rate. Apt care by trained and equipped first-aid professionals can improve victim survival rates to 95 per cent, especially in life threatening situations such as shocks due to excessive bleeding or cardiac arrest," he said.

Pavithra Nuthakki, senior training manager with SI, said less than 4 per cent of public is aware of the basic first-aid procedures in an accident trauma scene. "And a startling 15 per cent only correctly assess the needs for calling an ambulance," she said.

Fifty per cent pregnant women suffer from anaemia

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Nearly half of all pregnant women in the world are affected by anaemia. A recent WHO report says that 52 per cent of pregnant women in developing countries are affected by anaemia and the most common causes of it are poor nutrition, deficiencies of iron and other micronutrients.

"It's normal to have mild anaemia when you are pregnant. But what we thought that only women from lower strata are affected is not true now. We see many pregnant women

from upper middle class are anemic. The main reason is junk food culture. Eating unhealthy food is one of the main reasons for anaemia among pregnant women," explains obstetrician and gynaecologist Dr. Gowri Meena.

As part of Maternal anaemia control programme, government hospitals screen pregnant women for anaemia. A senior health official informed that of the total number screened in 2013-14 till January, 62,434 pregnant mothers were diagnosed with maternal anaemia. Iron sucrose injection is administered to these

women as part of the programme at free of cost.

The injection is used intravenously to replenish body iron stores in people with iron deficiency anaemia. Anaemia also contributes to preterm births. Neonatologists say that young or advanced maternal age, anaemia and deliveries in assisted reproductive technologies also contribute to preterm births. If a pregnant woman is anemic, chances of suffering from blood pressure are also more.

Iron supplements are used to treat iron-deficiency anaemia in most cases, say gynaecologists.

Jewellery stolen from showroom

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COIMBATORE, SEPT. 13

Burglars made away with nearly 100 sovereigns of gold jewels from a jewellery showroom in Sowripalayam.

According to police sources, more than two persons could have been involved in the crime as the burglars drilled the iron shutter using drilling machines. The hole made was big enough for a man to sneak into the shop, said policemen conducting investigations on the spot. The jewellery shop is situated in a busy area on the first floor of a commercial complex in Sowripalayam at Peelamedu.

On Saturday morning, neighbours noticed that the shutter had a hole and immediately alerted the police.



The concrete roads laid six months ago at 14th sector, K. K. Nagar, do not provide a safe ride for motorists as sunken manholes pose dangerous threat. —DC

Relaid concrete roads provide no relief

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The Chennai corporation, laying concrete roads, aiming to provide a smooth ride for motorists, has been failing to satisfy them as several complaints are pouring in from the public in connection with the newly-laid out concrete roads. The most recent victims are the residents of certain pockets of ward 132 who await a remedy for uneven manholes.

The concrete roads are laid, leaving the manhole chambers untouched, which results in either protruding or dangerously sunken manholes. Residents of 14th sector, where new concrete roads were laid six months ago, say that a motorist has to watch out for these deadly traps.

"Accidents are quite frequent, some of which have even left the victims with fractures," says G. Ravi Sankaran, secretary of the 14th sector residents' welfare association. "About 316 families live here who use the roads (102, 103 and 104 streets) every day. More

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than 20 manholes are in a perilous state, sunken below the level of the road. Petitioning the corporation and metro water officials has not brought any relief," he adds.

Motorcycle riders who pass swiftly without noticing the holes feel a hard bump. "Some of us get hurt and suffer back pain," says Meenakshi, a resident.

A corporation official said the work to level the manhole surfaces would start in a day or two. "The problem has been there for a few months, but work will commence as soon as possible to make sure that these holes do not affect the general public," he added.

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Permission granted for 2 floors

Six-storey building sealed by corporation

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Chennai corporation on Saturday sealed a six-storey building at Parry's Corner for violating building guidelines.

The builder had flouted norms by building additional floors exceeding the permitted height.

Upon detection, the building located in Thatha Muthaippan Street was sealed by corporation staff on Saturday morning and all construction activities in the building were stopped.

"The building was constructed to a level of six floors without obtaining the necessary permission," said a corporation official.

"The corporation has authority to approve buildings with two floors above which permission from the CMDA (Chennai Metropolitan Development Authority) must be sought. But the builder has violated the norm by just obtaining the permission



Corporation staff seal the six storeyed building at Parry's Corner on Saturday. —DC

from the corporation and built a six-storeyed building," he added.

The building was a residential complex but is yet to be occupied.

Special trains for pooja festival

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The following special trains will be run in view of the pooja festival.

Train no: 06706 Tirunelveli - Chennai Egmogre (superfast) will leave Tirunelveli at 6.15pm on September 30 and October 6 and reach Chennai Egmogre at 7.20am the next day. Train no: 06705 will leave Chennai Egmogre at 8.20pm on October 5 and reach Tirunelveli at 10am the next day.

Train no: 06711 will leave Chennai Egmogre at 10am on October 7 and reach Tirunelveli at 11pm the same day.

Train no: 06709 will leave Chennai Egmogre at 10.45pm on October 6 and reach Tirunelveli at 12.30pm the next day.

Special train no: 06604 will leave Coimbatore at 12.30am on October 1 and reach Chennai Central at 8.20am the same day. Special train no: 06603 will leave Chennai Central at 10.15am on October 6 and reach Coimbatore at 6pm the same day.

Advance reservations for the above trains will commence on September 15. Similarly, the following

premium superfast special trains will also be run to clear extra rush of passengers during Pooja festival season.

Premium superfast train no: 00607 will leave Chennai Egmogre at 9.05pm on October 1 and reach Tirunelveli at 7.15am the next day.

Advance reservations for the above train will commence on September 16.

Premium superfast train no: 00608 will leave Tirunelveli at 6.15pm on October 5 and reach Chennai Egmogre at 7.15am the next day.

Advance reservations for the above train will commence on September 20.

Premium superfast train no: 00603 will leave Chennai Central at 9.50pm on October 1 and reach Coimbatore at 5.10am the following next day. Advance reservations for the above train will commence on September 16. Premium superfast train no: 00604 will leave Coimbatore at 10pm on October 5 and reach Chennai Central at 5.45am the next day. Advance reservations for the above train will commence on September 20.

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